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2011 Fireworks - Safe and Sane

To the Residents of San Bruno,

On behalf of your Mayor, City Councilmembers, and City staff, we hope you enjoy a safe 4th of July holiday. San Bruno is one of two cities in San Mateo County that authorize the sale and use of Safe and Sane fireworks. The revenue from the sale of Safe and Sane fireworks helps many community organizations provide a variety of programs that benefit the community, including youth sports programs, booster clubs, and non-profit groups. All of these organizations contribute to enhance the quality of life in San Bruno.

To ensure that all residents have the opportunity to have a safe and enjoyable holiday, the Police and Fire Departments will again be providing public education and outreach programs regarding the use of Safe and Sane fireworks. These efforts are necessary because past experience during the holiday has shown there continue to be unsafe practices and the use of illegal fireworks.

Your Police and Fire Departments have partnered with the community organizations and the Safe and Sane fireworks industry to provide a comprehensive public education program. Fire and Police personnel will provide this information to all our schools, service groups, and neighborhood associations to ensure that the safety issues are addressed.

The use of Safe and Sane fireworks is allowed from noon until 10 p.m. beginning on June 28 to July 3, and from noon until midnight on July 4. Safe and Sane fireworks are only allowed on private property, and at least ten feet away from any residence, building, or structure. Fireworks are not allowed on public property such as streets, parks, schools, or private open areas such as parking lots, or vacant property without the consent of the owner. The Police Department will be visiting households and neighborhoods where the use of illegal fireworks has been a problem in the past years. *Extra patrols will be deployed throughout the City and the area affected by the Glenview Fire.* The Police Department will again be enforcing the zero tolerance policy of the use of illegal fireworks in San Bruno. Anyone found using illegal fireworks within the City limits **will be cited and fined up to \$1,000.**

All of our efforts are committed to making this an enjoyable holiday for the entire community. Please do your part to make sure this is a safe 4th of July for the San Bruno community. Questions regarding fireworks in San Bruno can be directed to the Police Department at **(650) 616-7100.**

Neil Telford
Police Chief

Dennis Haag
Fire Chief

Caltrain Grade Separation Project

Construction of the San Bruno Caltrain Grade Separation Project is underway! After completing some preliminary work last summer on an underground storm drain culvert on First Avenue, the project to separate the train tracks and road surface on San Bruno Avenue and Angus Avenue broke ground October 2010. Some trees along Huntington Avenue and in Posy Park were removed and will be replaced at the end of construction, and street medians have been removed on San Mateo and San Bruno Avenues. The intersection of San Mateo and San Bruno Avenues has undergone a transformation into its temporary configuration that includes new lane alignments and temporary streetlights and traffic signals.

The metal plates on San Mateo, Huntington and San Bruno Avenues demonstrate the significant work already in process to relocate and improve water, sewer, storm drain, electrical, gas, cable and telephone utilities. Train tracks from South Linden to just north of San Bruno Avenue have been shifted to the west in anticipation of

the shoofly construction in the coming months. In July, we expect that the new temporary Caltrain station south of the existing station will open.

Over the summer months, residents will begin to see the grade separation taking shape. Tracks near San Bruno and San Mateo Avenues will be shifted to the west and grading of the shoofly continues; weekend street closures will be necessary to complete this work. In preparation for the overcrossing, piling driving of support structures will begin sometime in late July or August depending on how other aspects of the construction are proceeding. Huntington and San Mateo Avenues will be reconfigured to provide only one lane of travel in each direction.

While the construction schedule was impacted by the winter and spring storms, Caltrain still anticipates finishing construction by December 2012. City staff is working to ensure that the construction contractors minimize their impacts on the area, including the number of parking spaces occupied and the amount of noise generated.

The City of San Bruno and Caltrain thank residents and adjacent neighbors for their continuing patience and understanding, and are confident that the result will be a safer City with increased opportunities to improve our downtown transit corridor. A meeting is being planned for the last week in June to give residents an opportunity to learn more about the project. For more information about the meeting or the project, please contact Caltrain at **(650) 508-7726**, the City of San Bruno's Public Services Department at **(650) 616-7065**, or visit www.caltrain.com.



Improvements to Lions Field

A very active youth sports program, supported by several non-profit agencies, is one of the main characteristics of the City of San Bruno. Over 2,000 youth athletes benefit from participation in healthy and supervised baseball, soccer, softball and rugby programs. This participation is limited however by a need for additional field space in the community. In order to allow for more play each year, the City Council has approved the installation of a year-round surface at Lions Field. Instead of a field that is unusable four months each year due to the mud puddles, the synthetic grass will create a green, well groomed



PROJECT COMPONENTS:

- Improvements to the field's drainage system
- Installation of synthetic turf
- Lines for multiple sports use (baseball, softball, soccer, flag football)
- New concession stand / restroom facility

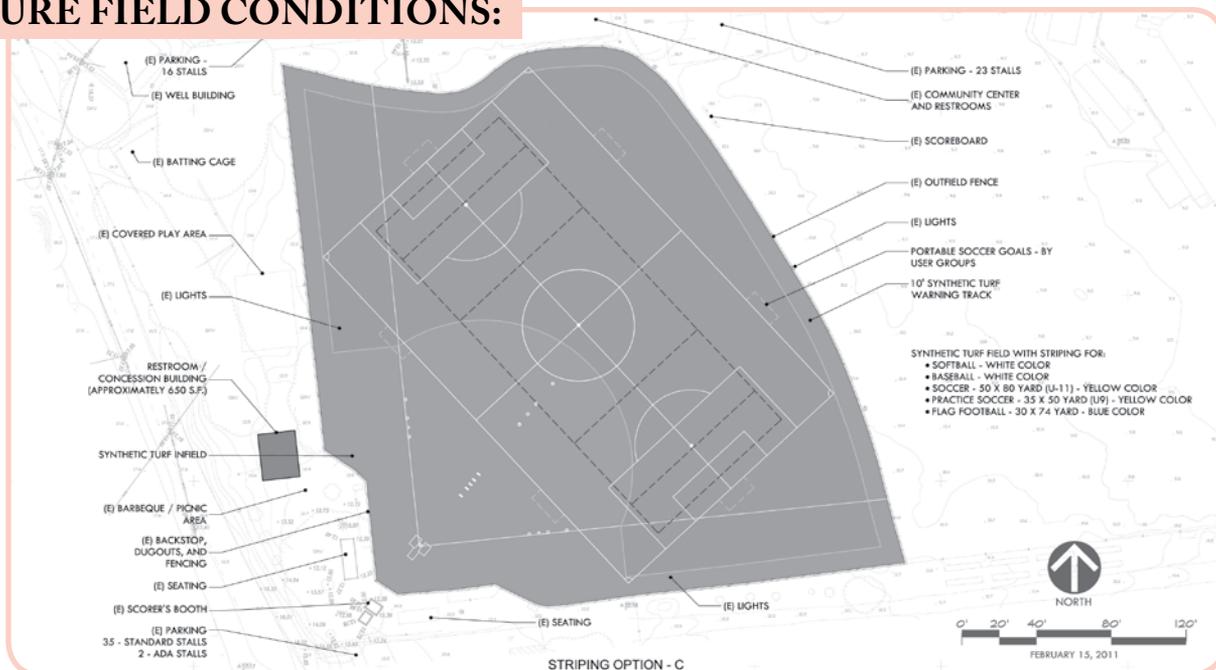
facility that is ready for use by the public at all times.

The project will be partially funded by Parks-in-Lieu fees and partially by public donations. Parks-

in-Lieu fees are charged to developers who add housing units, thereby creating the need for additional recreational facilities. These fees can only be used for capital improvement projects that increase the capacity of the parks system. Because the synthetic grass surface will add 67% more hours of useable time, the Lions Field project qualifies for the use of these funds. Local non-profit youth sports organizations and service clubs are working together with City staff to generate the additional \$500,000 necessary to break ground on the project. If you are interested in supporting this project, please contact Randy Schwartz, Community Services Director, at (650) 616-7181 or rschwartz@sanbruno.ca.gov to discuss details of the project or recognition for your contributions.



FUTURE FIELD CONDITIONS:



Glenview Area

Rebuilding is underway in the Glenview area. Though the explosion to PG&E's transmission line and subsequent fire destroyed 38 houses, residents and the City are hard at work rebuilding homes and restoring the neighborhood's infrastructure. The Building Division has processed several building permits for the reconstruction of homes and more are on the way. To assist the homeowners with their rebuilding effort, the City completed a property boundary and topographical survey in May for the destroyed homes at no cost to the homeowners.

In the months since the disaster, the City has been working on restoration of the public infrastructure. Immediately after the incident, the underground sewer and water lines near the explosion were repaired. After removing the rubble from the destroyed homes, the City awarded a contract to provide erosion control for the burned areas of Crestmoor Canyon and re-vegetate its slopes. By the end of November, the City moved on with repairing the sections of retaining walls on Claremont and Glenview Drives that were damaged by the fire. With the retaining wall repair completed in April, the City is moving on to the full restoration of the neighborhood.

In the coming months, the City will retain the services of an engineering firm to design the neighborhood reconstruction using the best materials and construction practices available to provide a vibrant, sustainable neighborhood with a strong sense of community. To accomplish this, the engineering firm will design a replacement of underground water, sewer, and storm drain lines; restoration of the pavement and sidewalk; installation of new energy-efficient streetlights; construction of a new park; and reforestation of Crestmoor Canyon.

Several workshops will be held as the design develops and the City hopes that the public will remain actively involved in the design process to ensure that the rebuilt neighborhood meets their expectations. Although the reconstruction schedule is still under development, one of the first items will be the reforestation of Crestmoor Canyon, expected to occur before next winter.



Protection of canyon slope in anticipation of rain storm days ahead of Erosion Control contract.

Installation of erosion blanket.



Excavation and removal of existing retaining wall at 970 Glenview.



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View of new Claremont retaining wall and re-vegetation of Canyon.



Installation of erosion blanket below 970 Glenview.



Crane operation to lower I-beams in place for Claremont retaining wall.



Installation of I-beam for Claremont retaining wall.



Construction of new Claremont retaining wall in progress.



SAN BRUNO RESOURCE AND RECOVERY CENTER

The San Bruno Resource and Recovery Center (SBRRC) is available to assist residents impacted by the Glenview fire and explosion with mental health counseling and referrals, case management, housing and health services, resident resource and tech center, and other training offered by participating agencies. The Center was created by the Long Term Recovery Committee comprised of representatives from agencies involved with the recover efforts.

The Center was able to open at 458 San Mateo Avenue in San Bruno due to the very generous donation from the Peninsula Health Care District to both the City of San Bruno and the American Red Cross. The Center is open Monday through Friday, 9 am – 5 pm. Please contact the Center for more information at **(650) 588-0940**.

September 9th Commemoration Event

San Bruno City officials are meeting with residents, members of the Long-Term Recovery Committee and local service clubs to organize an event to be held on September 9, 2011 in commemoration of the explosion and fire one-year ago. If you would like to assist with this event, please contact Randy Schwartz, Community Services Director, at **(650) 616-7181** or rschwartz@sanbruno.ca.gov. More detailed information about the event will be available throughout the summer.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING



The City of San Bruno is pleased to announce the completion of our first Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) program. The CERT program, which consists of twenty hours of training, instructs members of the community in emergency preparedness through both classroom and live training exercises.

San Bruno's first CERT class was hosted by the Shelter Creek Condominium Owner's Association, and included 40 participants. The participants were trained in basic disaster preparedness, including natural gas, water, and electrical shut off, along with fire extinguisher use. A medical section included treatment of burns, fractures, airway management, and basic triage skills. A light search and rescue section included basic building

construction and involved lifting objects with mechanical advantage. A communications lesson section included composing emergency messages and an introduction to CERT incident command.

A final day practical exercise included hands on fire extinguisher usage with live fire, extricating a simulated patient from under a collapse, conducting interior searches for a simulated missing person, and a patient triage scenario. Upon completion of the program, participants received graduation certificates.

The next scheduled class for the fall is already full. To register for future classes, contact Gary Carson at **(650) 616-7096**.

BE WHERE THE ACTION IS...

Join a Commission!

The City of San Bruno's 10 Citizen Advisory Commissions, Boards and Committees have volunteer members appointed by the City Council to serve four-year terms. There are current vacancies on:

- **Citizens Crime Prevention Committee** Work with the Police Department to promote citizen awareness of crime prevention to foster goodwill and a safe community. Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m. in City Hall. Contact Liaisons Dermot Downes at ddownes@sanbruno.ca.gov or Tony Perkins at tperkins@sanbruno.ca.gov with questions.

- **Culture & Arts Commission** Provide guidance and recommendations on promoting and developing culture and art related facilities, projects, programs and events in San Bruno. Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. in City Hall. Contact Liaison John Alita at jalita@sanbruno.ca.gov with questions.

- **Personnel Board**

Monitor and make recommendations related to the operation of the City's Personnel System to ensure fairness to all applicants. Review hiring results and employee census. Meets the 3rd Monday of the month, 5:30 p.m. in City Hall. Contact Liaison, Tami Yuki at tyuki@sanbruno.ca.gov with questions.

Applications are available by visiting the City Clerk's office in City Hall (567 El Camino Real) or calling **(650) 616-7058** or emailing vhasha@sanbruno.ca.gov. You may apply any time. Applications are kept on file for two years. When vacancies occur, applicants will be contacted to confirm continued interest. See vacancy announcements on San Bruno Cable T.V. Channel 1.

San Bruno Cable Channel 1 - Focusing on You!

If you haven't watched Channel 1 programming lately, here's what you are missing:

San Bruno Library Presents "Once Upon a Time:"

Similar to the Storytime at the Library, "Once Upon a Time" brings storytime into your home! The Children's Librarians read books, sing songs and play games that encourage children to learn language, counting and more. And they have fun too! Feel good about letting your children watch TV!

Senior Moments

Dolly Simunovich hosts this program on issues impacting older adults, with many of the topics being relevant to people of all ages. Experts, as well as interesting people from our community are interviewed. Every person has a story to tell, and we want to bring those stories to you!

What's Happening Around Town

Want more information on local events? What about construction going on downtown? This program tells you about these topics, and encourages you to get involved in "What's Happening Around Town".

In addition to these programs, San Bruno Cable TV's Local Origination Channel 1 is the place to find live coverage of City Council and other City meetings, as well as highlights from community events, and other informational programming. To find a schedule of programming, go to www.SanBrunoCable.com/channel1.html. Check out Your Local Channel 1!

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We welcome your comments.
Please call Randy Schwartz at
(650) 616-7181, or email him at
rschwartz@sanbruno.ca.gov.

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Downtown Farmers' Market

The Downtown Farmers' Market is back and better than ever! Please join your friends and family on Sundays through September from 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. on San Mateo Avenue between Jenevein Avenue and Sylvan Avenue for fresh produce, music and children's activities. Each week the Farmers' Market will feature events such as cooking demonstrations, bicycle inspections, art walks, contests and much more. Go to sanbrunochamber.com for more information and please tell a friend!



Frequently Called Numbers (Area Code 650)

Building Permits	616-7076
Business Taxes & Licenses	616-7083
Cable TV	616-3100
City Clerk	616-7058
City Council	616-7060
City Manager	616-7056
Code Enforcement	616-7074
Finance	616-7080
Fire - Business	616-7096
Graffiti Hotline	616-7141
Human Resources	616-7055
Library	616-7078
Recreation	616-7180
Parks	616-7195
Planning	616-7074
Police - Business	616-7100
Public Works/Corp. Yard	616-7160
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Senior Center	616-7150
Streets	616-7161
Utility Billing	616-7086
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